DECLARATION OF WILLIAM W. FICK, ESQ.

- I, William W. Fick, declare as follows:
 - 1. I am an attorney licensed in the Commonwealth Massachusetts.
- 2. I am counsel of record for Kseniia Petrova in *United States v. Petrova*, No. 1:25-cr-10272-LTS, the criminal case pending against her in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts ("the criminal case").
- 3. Around the time Ms. Petrova first appeared in the District of Massachusetts, counsel for the government proposed to resolve the criminal case by way of a Deferred Prosecution Agreement ("the proposed DPA").
- 4. Under the proposed DPA, Ms. Petrova would agree to the filing of a criminal Information charging her with one count of making a false statement, in violation of 18 U.S.C.§ 1001. Ms. Petrova would be required to stipulate to the accuracy of the Information and a Statement of Agreed Facts. Absent a material breach by Ms. Petrova of her obligations under the proposed DPA, the government would file a dismissal of the charge in the Information after twelve months.
- 5. As part of the proposed DPA, Ms. Petrova would also be required to withdraw any pending immigration applications and depart the United States to a country of her choice. She would be barred from applying for re-admission to the United States for a period of five years.
- 6. The government set a deadline for Ms. Petrova to accept the terms of the proposed DPA by June 24, 2025.
 - 7. Through counsel, Ms. Petrova declined the offer of a DPA on June 24, 2025.
 - 8. On June 25, 2025, the government obtained an indictment against Ms. Petrova.

I declare on this 7th day of July 2025, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ William W. Fick